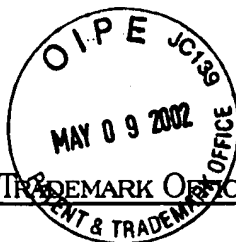




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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**REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
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Dear Sir,

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 13, 2002 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit herewith an original Declaration/Power of Attorney, executed by the inventors.

Please deduct the late filing fee of \$65.00 for a small entity, and any other fees which may be required, from our deposit account No. **17-0110**.

Inquiries concerning this application may be directed to the undersigned agent or Carol Miernicki Steeg (Reg. No. 39,539) at 613-533-2342.

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